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## MAYOR HORNIK ANNOUNCES IMPROVEMENTS TO ROUTE 79 INTERSECTIONS TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC CONCERNS AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (September 10, 2015) – At the Marlboro Township Council meeting held tonight, the Township Council unanimously voted in favor of authorizing an agreement between the Township and the State Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for improvements to NJ State Highway 79 at the intersections of both Wyncrest Road and County Route 520. The motion was put forth by Councilwoman Randi Marder and seconded by Councilman Mike Scalea. This agreement was reached following a letter sent by Mayor Jonathan Hornik to the NJDOT requesting assistance in the implementation of various intersection and roadway improvements.

In late 2013, Mayor Hornik announced the formation of a Traffic Advisory Committee (TrAC) after a study of traffic complaints showed increased pockets of traffic. The Mayor identified TRAC's main objective as summarizing and prioritizing the areas of traffic congestion based upon input from the police and residents. "This is a quality of life issue for all of our residents," said the Mayor. "Despite the fact that residential development has slowed dramatically under our Administration, many intersections have not been updated to account for the growth that took place more than a decade ago."

Following numerous correspondence and meetings between the NJDOT, Monmouth County and the Township, the NJDOT has agreed to undertake improvements at the intersection of Route 79 and both Wyncrest Road and County Route 520. The intersection at Route 79 and 520 will include left hand turn signals and exclusive left hand turn phases for each approach. Both intersections will include pedestrian signals, crosswalks and ADA compliant curb ramps. The NJDOT has agreed to pay 75% of the costs for the necessary improvements, with an estimated Township share of \$20,215. The funds will be allocated from a pre-existing reserve for traffic signals -- no taxpayer dollars are required for the improvements.

"As we anticipated when we commissioned TrAC, the most heavily trafficked areas are State or County roads that do not fall under Township jurisdiction. We are very grateful to Commissioner Fox and the entire State DOT for working with us to address our concerns," said Mayor Hornik. "I want to thank the members of the Traffic Advisory Committee for their hard work and dedication. It once again reminds me of how fortunate we are to have so many people willing to give their time and expertise to make Marlboro a better place to live and raise a family."

Additionally, the NJDOT agreed to restripe the intersection of Ryan Road and Route 79 under their annual maintenance program. The Township continues to work with Monmouth County to address areas of concern under their jurisdiction. For additional information, please contact Mayor Jonathan Hornik at (732) 536-0200 ext. 1200.

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